

HEALTH SERVICES

The nurses collaborate with teachers and administrators to promote wellness, and a safe, nurturing environment. Basic health services are provided to the students and staff on an ongoing basis. This process would include assessment, planning, nursing intervention and evaluation of day-to day health concerns. This would include seeing those who become ill or injured while at school or who may have a health concern they want to discuss.

Educational Service Unit 17 nurses provide health services to students and staff members of any school contracting for a school nurse. The services provided vary from school to school depending on the expectations, needs, and time available at each school.

The primary goals of school nursing include intervention to improve student health and promote healthy life styles, which, in turn, will impact student achievement and success. Nurses would also be able to provide training and assistance with the implementation of the "Attack on Asthma" protocol.

There is a realm of possibilities when considering a school nurses' role within the school setting. School nurses may be key members of the Crisis Response Team or the Workplace Safety Committee. They may be involved in Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) when the student has health issues. The nurse can create Health Care Plans for those students with ongoing medical issues so that staff is prepared. These plans may be for a student with diabetes, seizures, a tube feeding, or other similar issues. Training the staff in proper medication administration procedure, blood borne pathogen protection, first aid and CPR are key when trying to provide a safe environment. Under special circumstances, the school nurse may teach staff how to give injections on a daily or emergency basis, or how to catheterize a student. The nurses assist in the prevention of absenteeism every day. Last, it is the school nurses' commitment to identify any student who may have emotional needs or who may be suffering from some type of abuse or neglect. In this case, appropriate referrals and interventions are made.

ANNUAL FIGURES

TOTAL ESU REVENUES: \$3,669,957

TOTAL ESU EXPENDITURES: \$3,375,389

2011-2012 ESU CONTACTS

Administrator

Dennis Radford

Governing Board

The ESU #17 Governing Board met on the second Tuesday of each month at the ESU #17 Main Office.

2011-2012 Board Members

Board President

Renee Adkisson, Ainsworth

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Our Mission

ESU #17 is committed to partnering with its schools by providing support and resources to enhance teaching and learning.



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2011-2012 Annual Report

ESU 17 provides this annual report for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as a brief description of all areas of service to our member schools. Our service area consists of four local counties: Brown, Cherry, Rock and Keya Paha.

The ESU 17 Advisory Council meets four times annually to discuss and review ESU services. State statute requires the Advisory Council to give direction in prioritizing Core Services by demonstrating a two-thirds majority approval of the districts served that represent over 50% of the student population served.

This annual report meets Nebraska Department of Education requirements. Rule #84 subsection 003.04A states, "An annual written program report on the various programs of service to schools for the past year shall be provided by each ESU to member school districts and to the Department in written or electronic form by November 1 of each year."

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

ESU #17 hosted and/or supported numerous training opportunities for educators throughout 2011-2012, including APL Instructional Strategies, MAP Regional Meetings, NDE C4L (Check for Learning) Item Submission, NDE School Improvement Workshop, Ken O'Connor Training, MAP Stepping Stones to Using Data (2), Nebraska Career Connections (2), Seven Habits Maimizer Training, 8th Grade Career Day at NECC, and Nebraska State Quiz Bowl.

Additionally, several educators were involved with the Perkins Grant Design Teams (1,2,3, and Counselors), which took place in Norfolk. This series focuses on partnering teachers with students in technology-based projects. Career Educators were also supported in attending the Nebraska Career Education Conference and SkillsUSA.

Onsite continuous improvement assistance was provided in the areas of data, curriculum revision and alignment, learning climate, and external visit preparation. Additionally, ESU #17 conducted Focus Interviews with each member school district in order to articulate specific areas of support for the 2012-2013 school year.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DEPT.

Streamlining of the Media Center operation was a high priority for the Media Coordinator during the school year of 2011 – 2012.

Custom Duplication and Life of Tape School Copy offering was implemented with great success and appreciation by our member schools.

Usage of Instructional Materials resources, both tangible and online, totaled 113,797.

The Media Coordinator additionally conducted extensive weeding using the MUSTY process.

With a beginning year collection of 6,153 titles, 2,736 resources were retired leaving ESU 17 Media Center with a core collection, in all curriculum areas, grade levels and aligned to Nebraska standards.

Ensuring that the students of ESU 17 member schools become "Learners in the 21st Century," the Media Center subscribed to the following online resources: PowerMediaPlus – Media on Demand; WorldBook Online Power Pack, Marshall Cavendish Children's eBooks and Visual Thesaurus.

COMPUTER SERVICES

The ESU 17 Technology staff provides technical support and training in the schools and at the Tech Center on East Highway 20 in Ainsworth. A total of 30 workshops serving 224 staff members and 24 students were held during the 2011-12 school year at the Tech Center. Workshops included: SmartBoard, Angel, Web 2.0, Google Apps., iPod Touch & iPad, Zimbra and various other educational software applications. ESU 17 staff also conducted workdays for area school staff members who are submitting NSSRS reports and E-rate applications.

ESU 17, as part of the NNNC consortium, provides broadband Internet access and video services for schools through Network Nebraska. The Technology Center staff is currently maintaining more than 370 Internet accounts. School web pages and email accounts are hosted on a server owned by the NNNC consortium (ESUs 1, 2, 7, 8 and 17). Teacher web pages are hosted on servers at the Tech Center in Ainsworth. As part of the NNNC group the ESU #17 Tech Staff assisted and helped host the 5th annual Summer Tech Institute in May of 2012 at which 315 educators participated in two days of breakout sessions and workshops.

ESU 17 also provides Internet content filtering services, a podcasting and blogging server, iPod lab, a Wiki Server, support for Internet and distance learning video equipment located in the schools, network support, computer repair and troubleshooting."

FEDERAL PROGRAMMING

The Carl Perkins Grant provided \$21,487 to the ESU #17 Perkins Grant Consortium. Since July 2008, ESU #17 has partnered with ESU #1-Wakefield and ESU #8-Neligh in the formation of a Northeast Nebraska Perkins IV Collaboration [NNP4C]. The goal of the NNP4C is to work collaboratively in promoting 21st century teaching and learning opportunities for the school districts that are served.

Specific components of the 2011-2012 program year included the continuation of a Design Team comprised of career educators and school counselors who will assist in formulating long-range goals and a 5-year implementation plan. Activities included the Northeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership, 8th Grade Career Day at Northeast Community College, Design Team iPad and MacBook Pro training, Nebraska Career Connections training, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People Maximizer training, Counselor Technology Bootcamp, and continued support for participation in professional conferences.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

E.S.U. 17 participates in statewide Cooperative Purchasing, a buying consortium that mass purchases school supplies and equipment for Nebraska school districts and State Colleges. Because of the huge volume involved, school districts have been able to realize dramatic savings of tax dollars when participating in the program. In calendar year 2011, ESU 17 schools purchased \$117,054 worth of goods and services through their statewide cooperative purchasing service.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Children between the ages of 0-21 are eligible for special education services if they meet state verification guidelines.

ESU 17 provides special education services to students and schools in the areas of speech, resource, school psychology, assistive technology, transition, and supervision.

Early Intervention and service coordination finds services for families to help meet the needs of children below age three. The services coordinator provides assistance in services to families to meet developmental, educational, financial, health care, respite care, and other needs of children.

ESU 17 employs 19 special education staff. Services are provided to all schools in the ESU #17 area. Program supervision is a support service provided to the schools to provide effective supervision and to provide consulting and guidance to special education services.

ESU 17 financial services are available to all schools in the ESU area. Final financial services, IDEA Poverty/ Enrollment, and Medicaid in Public schools are examples of support to school districts.

ESU 17 uses the Student Record System, which provides consistency in documentation to meet state and federal requirements on a web-based service.

ESU 17 provides training opportunities to area teachers and parents. Workshops for 2011-12 included offerings of Love and Logic for parents in Valentine and Ainsworth. Early Learning Guidelines training in the areas of Health and Physical Development was offered in Valentine and Growing Up Wild was presented in Ainsworth. Screenings for preschool children are offered for all children age birth to five. Children in local preschools and at Kindergarten roundups participate in screenings.